

Melbourne Gay Women's Group Women's Centre 16 Little Latrobe Street Melbourne 3000 3 June, 1973

Dear Sisters,

Here's some further information about the National Radical Lesbian Conference. It's taken us a bit of time to find a place, and the date of the conference has had to be moved, But we've booked Whitehall Guest House for July 6, 7 and 8. It's at 231 Ocean Beach Road, Sorrento telephone Sorrento 84 2232— train to Frankston and connecting bus to Sorrento. The weekend will cost \$14.50 for food and bed, no need to pay in advance, and we'll be able to get a subsidy from Gay Liberation here to help out any sisters who can't afford that much. We can offer lifts from Melbourne to Sorrento, so get in touch to arrange a meeting place, and we can also billet anyone who wants to arrive earlier than Friday, or to stay on after the conference.

A lot of sisters have asked about the structure of the conference and about the kinds of papers to be given. We want the conference to be as informal as possible, so that there's no particular time-table as yet. But there's a lot to talk about in establishing a radical lesbian consciousness. We want to get away from reformist ideas, from the idea that it's a problem to be lesbian, and to look at lesbianism in the light of our sexist society and of our growing feminist consciousness. Papers promised so far include one on lesbians and revolution and another on sexism in the women's movement: these will provide a focus for discussion in smaller groups. Please write something, and take it for granted that it will be relevant to what we're trying to do.

Could you let us know how many sisters might be coming, and what kind of papers you'd be interested in giving?

